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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	Joseph H. Sklar
Application No. 09/612,055	Filing Date: July 7, 2000
Title of Application:	Ligament Shim
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**Response to Final Official Action**

In response to the Official Action of July 13, 2006, Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Please amend the specification and claims as detailed below.

An Request For Continued Examination (RCE) fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. (A Credit Card Form PTO -2038 in the sum of \$395.00 is attached). Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

**Mailing Certificate:** I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks; Post Office Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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